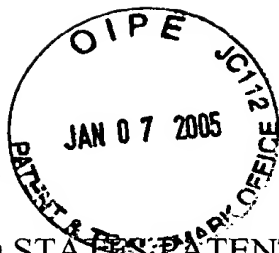


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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Sir:

This Amendment After Final is responsive to the May 11, 2004 final Office Action issued for the above-referenced patent application. A Petition for Extension of Time and a Notice of Appeal were submitted on November 8, 2004, along with the requisite fees. Please enter the following amendments to the claims and abstract and consider the following remarks.

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